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Governor Warner announces community service, volunteerism awards

Richmond – Governor Mark R. Warner announced today that the Virginia Governor's Commission for National and Community Service will host the annual Governor's Community Service and Volunteerism Awards Ceremony at the Library of Virginia in Richmond on Oct. 6. The ceremony will recognize the individuals and groups for outstanding service to the Commonwealth.

"This event celebrates the generosity of Virginians and their efforts to enhance the lives of their neighbors and affords us the opportunity to publicly thank them," said Governor Warner. "I encourage all Virginians to follow their example by becoming involved and providing service to their communities."

VirginiaCORPS helps Virginians strengthen their neighborhoods, communities, state and nation through volunteerism and service. To find opportunities in communities, please visit <http://www.virginiacorps.org/>.

Twenty-one awards will be presented to groups, individuals and families whose volunteer and community service efforts have strengthened their communities. Winners are:

Business (large) – Southern Management, Vienna; Cox Communications, Hampton Roads

Business (small) – Hampton Chevrolet, Hampton; Pomoca Auto Group, Poquoson

Civic Engagement – Bonner Center for Civic Engagement, Richmond

Faith-Based Program – John Horejsi, Vienna

Family – Senig, Mechanicsville

Government Program – William Church

Homeland Security Service – Angel Flight, Virginia Beach; Troy Wheeler, Fredericksburg

National Service Individual – Robert Gribben, Christiansburg

National Service Program – Clinch Valley Community Action, Inc., North Tazewell

Crater District Area Agency on Aging, Petersburg; Day in the Life, Charlottesville

League of Older Americans Area on Aging, Roanoke; The Campagna Center, Alexandria

Nonprofit Group – Gloucester Citizen Assistance Committee, Gloucester

Senior Volunteer – Al Scaia, Lynchburg

Volunteer – John Feehan, Front Royal

Volunteer Administrator – Judie Connelly, Lynchburg

Youth Volunteer – Jodi Corbett, Petersburg

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Note to reporters -- Additional information about the winners is available upon request.
Photos will be available after the event.